

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 473

By McCormick

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Lance Corporal Squire K. Wells, United States Marine Corps, of Marietta, Georgia.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly, like every American, were greatly saddened by the targeted attack upon the U.S. Naval and Marine Reserve Center and recruitment facilities in Chattanooga on July 16, 2015, and the tragic loss of life suffered; and

WHEREAS, this tragedy has touched the hearts and lives of people across the nation, but it is a deeply personal loss to those family and friends who lost a loved one, be they a spouse, parent, grandparent, sibling, son, or daughter; and

WHEREAS, the lives of a family from Georgia were forever changed on that day when they lost their precious son, Lance Corporal Squire K. Wells of the United States Marines Corps, who served as a field artillery cannoneer as part of the Mike Battery, 3rd Battalion, 14th Marine Regiment, 4th Marine Division, Marine Forces Reserve and was on the first day of a two-week assignment at the U.S. Naval Reserve on Amnicola Highway in Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, known by his friends and family as "Skip," Lance Corporal Wells attended Sprayberry High School and Georgia Southern University before following in the footsteps of other family members with military backgrounds to join the Marine Corps on February 10, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a patriotic young man who displayed enthusiasm for every endeavor, Lance Corporal Wells was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and a Certificate of Appreciation; and

WHEREAS, a loving son and grandson, Lance Corporal Wells was deeply devoted to his family and always looked for opportunities to provide assistance to those in need; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Squire K. Wells is survived by his mother, Cathy Wells, his maternal grandparents, Patricia and Richard Trapanese, his aunt, Lynn Trapanese, and Sandy Jackson; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Wells leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should remember the tragically short, yet courageous life of this exceptional human being and proud member of the United States Marine Corps; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Lance Corporal Squire K. Wells of the United States Marine Corps, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Lance Corporal Wells.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.